



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting (via Skype)

28 November 2018

Attendees:

Nick G4FAL Chair
Ian G0FCT Chair CSC
Mike G0GJV
Graham G0NBI
Paul G4PVM
Chris GM3WOJ
Stewart GW0ETF

Apologies for absence were received from Pete G4CLA, Andy G4PIQ, Mike G7TWC and Clive GM3POI.

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd October 2018

1.1. HF Championship

It was noted that two potential additional host stations had been identified. It was agreed to defer further discussion until the February 2019 meeting. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

1.2. Special Event Stations: Cricket World Cup 2019

Nick circulated the proposal (requesting a change in the rules for the use of SES callsigns) that was now ready to send to Ofcom. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

1.3. Proposed Changes to the RSGB website

Ian reported that the new pages had been uploaded to the RSGB website and were awaiting publication. The agreed changes to the navigation structure had been requested from HQ and, when they were actioned, the new pages would go live.

Action Ian G0FCT

1.4. Promoting the RSGB Contest Club callsigns

Nick reported that G3DR had proved to be a successful callsign and ideas were sought as to how to encourage club members to activate it as well as G*6XX. **Action: All**

1.5. Commonwealth Contest 2019

Stewart reported that plans were coming together to identify stations willing to activate the RSGB club callsigns in next year's contest. **Action: Stewart GW0ETF**

1.6. Promotion of new 40m QSO parties

Nick suggested that publicity for the new parties could best be launched by way of a half page article in RadCom in the Spring, supported by mentions in the RSGB News section, social media promotion and entries on the websites. The article would include instructions on how to enter using N1MM+. **Action: Stewart GW0ETF and Ian G0FCT**

2. FT8 Contest Suggestions for 2019

It was noted that the VHF Committee had developed rules for the inclusion of FT8 in VHF contests. It was agreed to replicate these rules as the basis for some experimental HF FT8 contests in 2019 (dates to be decided). **Action: Nick G4FAL and Ian G0FCT**



3. IOTA Contest: signal reports

- 3.1. Nick reported on a discussion at the Convention about whether the inclusion of signal reports in the required contest exchange was appropriate, recognising that they lengthened each QSO.
- 3.2. It was agreed, for 2019 on a trial basis, to allow entrants to omit their signal report from the required contest exchange if they wished. **Action: Ian G0FCT**

4. Contest Adjudication.

The committee put on record their thanks and congratulations to the contest adjudicators for their excellent efforts throughout the year.

5. Date of next meeting: 19th December at 2000